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... engaged in research on mental retardation in large ... facility.

The International Congress on Mental Retardation held in
London in 1962. The subject matter covered was as far-ranging as
any found in a Conference of international scope. It included the
sciences such as neurology, genetics, biochemistry as well as
physiology, special education, vocational rehabilitation and

The Director of the Danish National Service for the
Disabled, described his program during one of the general sessions.
The care for the mentally retarded in Denmark is under the
exclusive control of the Ministry of Social Affairs through its Danish
Institute for the Mentally Retarded. The service is financed in its entirety
by the State. However, it operates like a private institution with a direc-
tor appointed by the Ministry of Social Affairs. The head of the direc-
torate is a civil servant appointed by the King.

Article 18 of 1973 provides service to every citizen by public authorities which cannot provide for himself. It also made compulsory education to individuals, 7-21 years of age including the mentally

divided into 12 regional centers in order that they can implement effective treatment and care for the mentally retarded. Each regional center has four leaders composing a team with equal stature: the business manager, chief physician, doctor, the chief social worker and the chief psychologist. Within each regional center there is a central institution where patients are received for observation and testing. It is here the visiting center is administered. Apart from the central institution there is a number of minor institutions within each regional center such as homes for children, homes for special treatment, boarding schools, dormitories, boarding houses, homes for the aged, rest homes, and convalescent homes. Within each regional center are outpatient clinics.

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... been in position
... trained mainly under
... a period of three years duration which
... in the course of hospital
... in the contrary the patients
... the comprehensive care to the patient
... a median age of
... patients due to the patient's conser-

... record with in the center institution
... approximately 300 patients.
... first portion of the institution is
... between 140 and 170. The
... average age is 17.5 years. Employed
... second portion, about 120.
... assigned to the hospital are
... two percent which is divided
... of those originally admitted thru
... service. Only nine thousand of these
... in the hospital.

... one of the trip to Denmark was my visit with Dr. Henning Andersen
... Hospital in Copenhagen. He is a Professor of Pediatrics at
... University Hospital and is in charge of the Hospital. He has a collection
... of approximately 100 patients in different stages of development collected
... from all over the world over the past few years. He receives from 150 to 200
... cases annually. Presently, I was able to meet with Dr. Ingrid Thorleifson
... University, who has been conducting a longitudinal study of
... children. She has all the data and the pre-
... requirements met. She wishes to publish this in a
... journal and requires financial support to have this published.
... Lund University Hospital, Sweden, with Dr. Bertil Thalberg who
... is also at the University Hospital in Uppsala, Sweden, whose team
... of work is outstanding. He himself is engaged in neuro-
... development, immunology and Knut's disease.

... trip to Scandinavia, I met with Dr. John Lind, Professor
... of Pediatrics, the Latin American doctor trained in Canada
... a pediatrician and the 10 Professor, pediatric
... in the Department of Pediatrics, University of the Carolina School
... of Medicine. He works primarily in research scientific ideas and research
... in the field of immunology. Dr. Lind is currently engaged in
... project on the immunological mechanisms. He discovered that the
... body is exposed greatly to mucopolysaccharide. He is
... engaged in quantitative and qualitative amino acid assays both
... in the normal and in the multiple patients. He proposes
... to establish a specialty section children as well as to continue
... his present activities. On the other hand, he currently
... engaged in the study of immunological processes as it relates to
... the disease. He is very well interested in the history and
... the etiology of the disease as well as the organic development. He
... made a presentation of papers and reports (therapeutic, legal).
... Dr. Lind is engaged in development. He served in a number of inter-
... national committees as well as chairman that he developed
... the idea of the laboratory where he is studying infant epizyme
... a series of transcutaneous devices attached to the skin underlying
... the transcutaneous exposure of the epidermis simultaneously
... to the epidermal epizyme and epidermal epidermal tissue. From this, one can
... get an objective picture intended to describe the frequency and intensity
... of epizyme which can be analyzed. After establishing the norm, variations
... can always be determined.

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It is felt that developments in this country will be momentous with regard to the effect that without the help of US, our research activities will be significantly hampered. They have been invited by the Ministry of Health for a period of three months to do research for an equal period following which no further financial or research support can be given. Because of this, the staff finds it necessary to engage in private practice to supplement not only their salaries but their research activities.

During my visit to the Doctor Klaes Willen Funduszorg Stichting at Hoornwijk, I visited the Hospital de L'Enfant Malade, which is an institution for the mentally retarded located in Leyden. Drs. H.J. Van Gelder and L.F. Dassen from the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Leyden explained to us the educational and research structure of the institution where they have been working on a part-time basis concerning etiology of mental retardation. During the current training program at Denmark, the trainees have had two years of theoretical and practical training with heavy emphasis on institutional care of retarded patients. These nurses live on separate floors of each two-floor building while the patients live on the lower floor. I was most impressed with the quality of care, administrative and training policies of the mental retardation program in the Netherlands.

In Paris, I visited Dr Jean Prange and Dr Jean Ray at the Hospital des Enfants Malades. For the past four years Drs. Prange and Ray, under the guidance of Professor Maurice Levy, have been doing electrophoresis studies using conventional as well as high-voltage electrophoretic techniques. They are doing studies on phenols, indoles and sugars. Other members of the group are conducting studies on mucopolysaccharide, enzyme systems in the blood cells, and cytochemistry. Of the 90 pediatric beds, 10 are reserved daily for scientific studies. I spent an afternoon working with Dr Jerome Legeon whose laboratory is located at the adjacent hospital. Although his facilities are not ultra-modern by US standards, he has been able to carry out imaginative and productive research.

A three hour meeting with Professor H. Baumrind in Copenhagen, I decided to proceed with my original plan to visit his clinic in Munich. There I found four congenital children and their parents. These children have been on the therapeutic regimen consisting of vitamins, trace elements and hormones (thyroid, pituitary, and thymus). He seemed to be an honest and forthright but perhaps affected and spurred by this crusading spirit, he claimed that growth deficit or cessation, all corrective efforts, if any, are only subjective instead of being objective means with which we are familiar. When I asked why he was administering the above-mentioned substances without benefit of prior determination of the lack or need for replacement therapy (example: PTH), his reply was "they are not necessary". He claimed that he is basing his therapy from an extensive clinical experience, whatever that might be. We discussed the efficacy of doing more objective evaluations of his treatment but he replied that he cannot possibly embark on a double-blind study because parents come to him for treatment.

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